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SUBJ: PAIGC STATEMENT ON MILITARY BASES IN CAPE

VERDE ISLANDS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, WE NOTE THAT LISBON PRESS OF AUGUST 15 CARRIES REUTER STORY OUT OF DAKAR THE PREVIOUS DAY IN WHICH A CAPE VERDIAN PAIGC LEADER IDENTIFIED AS ABILIO DUARTE DECLARED FOLLOWING TO JOURNALIST FROM DAKAR'S "LE SOLEIL": (PRESUMABLY THIS IS ARTICLE REPORTED IN GUARDIAN.)

2. "OUR POSITION IS CLEAR: NO MILITARY BASES OF ANY TYPE" WILL BE ALLOWED IN CAPE VERDE. DUARTE TOLD INTERVIEWER THAT PAIGC HAD NOT FOUGHT FOR 10 YEARS IN ORDER TO TURN NATIONAL TERRITORY INTO A "POWDER KEG."

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HE LABELED "A DELIBERATE LIE" STATEMENT BY UNIAO DOS

POVOS DAS ILHAS DE CABO VERDE (PUICV) THAT PAIGC FAVORED
INSTALLATION OF SOVIET BASES IN ISLANDS.

3. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT UPICV, WHICH IS ACTIVE
ON SAO VICENTE, SUPPORTS COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE FOR CAPE
VERDE AND OPPOSES POST-INDEPENDENCE UNITY WITH GUINEA
BISSAU. GROUP HEADED BY JOSE LEATAO DA GRACA, A
POLITICAL REFUGEE IN DAKAR. SINCE ITS CREATION SHORTLY
AFTER APRIL 25 COUP UPICV HAS ISSUED PERIODIC STATEMENTS
TO PRESS CLAIMING THAT SOVIETS INTENT ON ESTABLISHING
BASES ON ISLANDS. UPICV SAYS IT WANTS NEITHER RUSSIANS
OR AMERICANS TO ESTABLISH BASES IN CAPE VERDE.

4. SIZE AND POPULAR SUPPORT FOR UPICV UNKNOWN. IT
IS LABELED "MAOIST" IN ORIENTATION IN "LE SOLEIL" ARTICLE,
BUT WE UNABLE VERIFY. HOWEVER SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP TOLD
FRANCE PRESSE REPORTER MARIE JOANNIDIS JUNE 24 THAT IT
ENJOYED MORAL SUPPORT OF CHINA AND ALBANIA.
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